

BACK PAIN

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
Is the pain due to an injury to the patient?
Has the patient felt dizzy or fainted?
Does the patient have any other medical or surgical history?
Is the patient wearing a Medic Alert tag? If yes, what does it say?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Non-traumatic back pain with prior history of heart problem.
Back pain with fainting or near fainting, patient over 50 yrs.

BLS DISPATCH

Flank pain/back (Kidney stone).
Back pain (non-traumatic).
Back pain unspecified.
Chronic back pain.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

If the pain is due to an injury, tell the patient not to move unless hazards are present

Nothing to eat or drink.

Have the patient rest in the most comfortable position.

Gather patient medications, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units